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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Placer County is following a national trend with an increase in violent crime in the first half of 2006. But the Sheriff's Department isn't taking the news lightly – with the holidays' arrival, more deputies than ever will be hitting the streets.

From horseback to foot patrol, deputies will have in increased presence in shopping centers and neighborhoods. All detectives and school resource officers will be on the streets as Christmas approaches.

Although homicide, rape and robbery numbers remained status quo, aggravated assaults increased 71 percent from January to June this year in the county's unincorporated areas, compared to the same time period in 2005. Aggravated assaults include all assaults, batteries, domestic violence and assaults with a deadly weapon.

The increases may be partly attributed to the county's skyrocketing population. In the North Lake Tahoe area, for instance, the population increases by tenfold during the winter recreation months. Placer County's total population has nearly doubled over the last 10 years to more than 315,000.

Statewide, violent crime increased more than four percent this year. Neighboring counties such as El Dorado and Sacramento also experienced significant increases in violent crimes, at 58 and 31 percent, respectively.

One bright spot in the crime statistics compiled by the state Department of Justice reflects Placer County's 15.5 percent decrease in property crime. Within that category, burglaries were down nearly 20 percent from 2005 and larceny was down 4.4 percent.

"The Sheriff's Department is aware of the increased level of violence and we are dedicated to reducing it," said Sheriff Ed Bonner. "It's difficult to prevent crimes such as domestic violence, but we're working hard to impact those numbers."

A new children's shelter, as well as Peace For Families' women's shelter, are currently under construction and will assist in the growing need to reduce family violence and child abuse.

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